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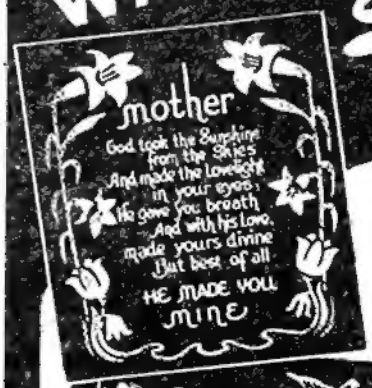
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God took the Sunshine from the Skies
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SLAM INTO COMBAT ON THE SIDE OF...

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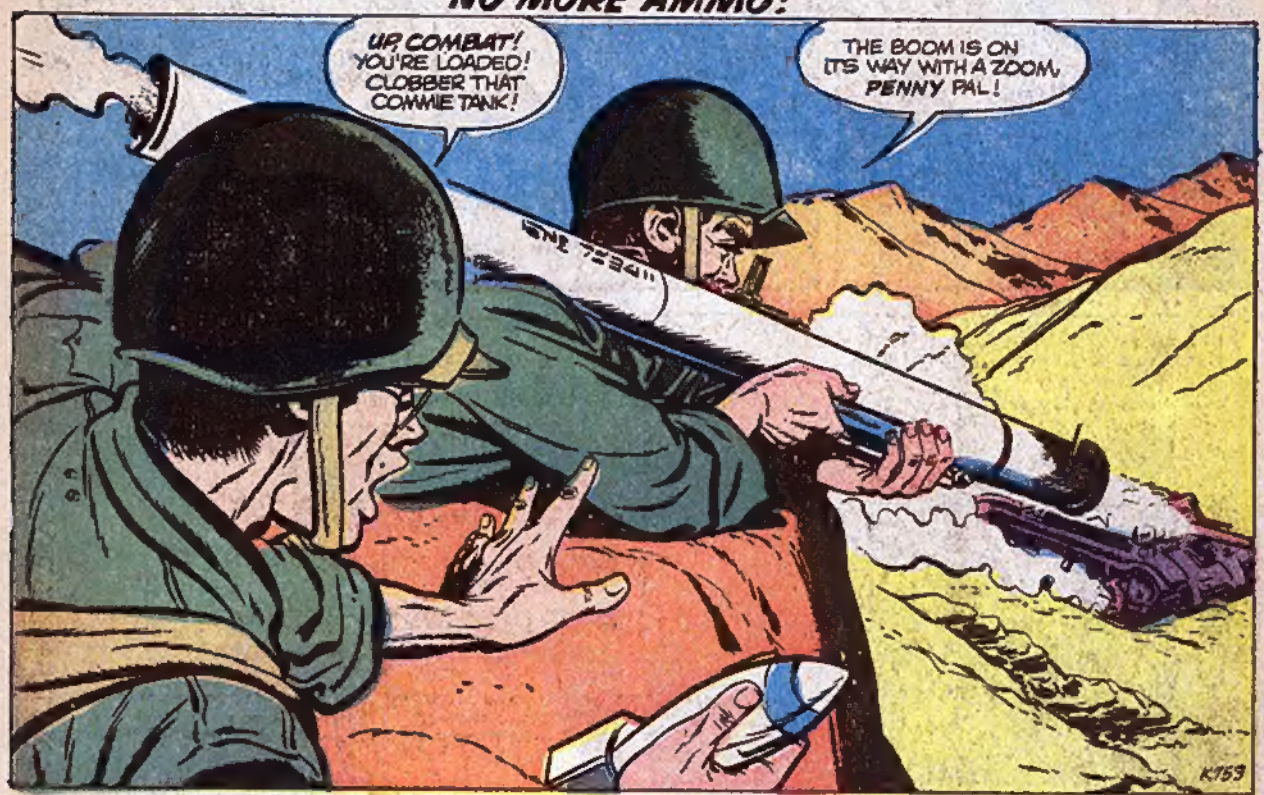
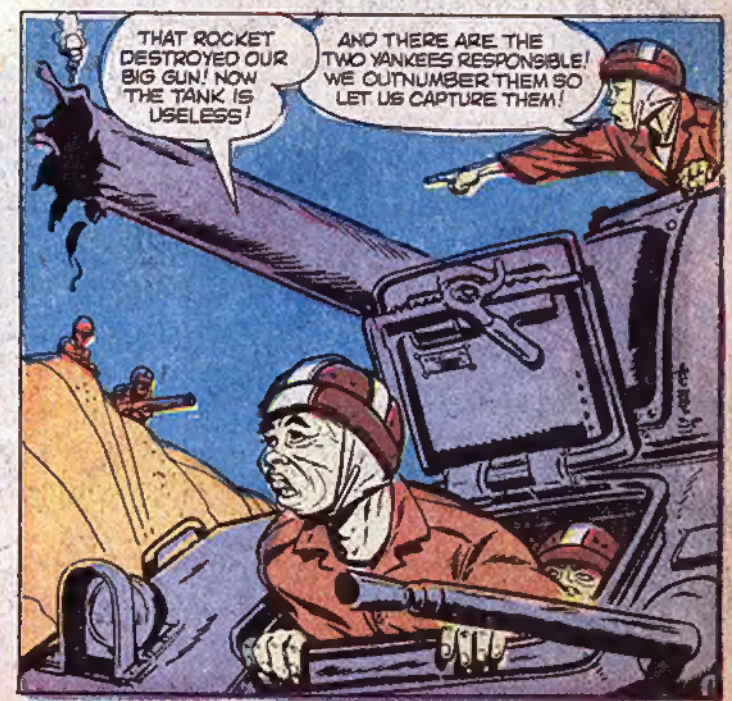
OF ALL THE SAD WORDS UTTERED ON A FIELD OF BATTLE, NONE ARE SADDER THAN THESE...

"NO MORE AMMO!"




THAT ROCKET DESTROYED OUR BIG GUN! NOW THE TANK IS USELESS!
AND THERE ARE THE TWO YANKEES RESPONSIBLE! WE OUTNUMBER THEM SO LET US CAPTURE THEM!

THE TANK CREW IS COMING UP AFTER US!
NO USE WASTIN' A ROCKET ON 'EM! LET'S USE OUR GARANDS INSTEAD!
THE YANKEES SEND BULLETS DOWN ON US FROM THEIR RIFLES AS IF THEY WERE MACHINE GUNS!
I SUGGEST THAT INSTEAD OF GETTING THEM, WE GET OUT OF HERE!
THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS!
YEAH! NOW LET'S GO DOWN TO THE TANK AND SEE IF THEY LEFT ANYTHING BEHIND IN IT THAT OUR INTELLIGENCE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN!
I'LL STAND GUARD OUT HERE, WHILE YOU PROWL AROUND INSIDE, PENNY!
OKAY!
NOTHING IN HERE BUT THEIR CRASH HELMETS!
BUT THERE'S PLENTY OUT HERE, PENNY! THE TANK CREW MUST'VE RUN INTO ONE OF THEIR INFANTRY OUTFITS, AN' THE WHOLE MOB IS MOVIN' IN ON US FROM THE NORTH!
COME ON, PENNY! WE'VE STILL GOT TIME TO GET AWAY TO THE SOUTH!
NO WE HAVEN'T, COMBAT! THERE'RE MORE COMMIES COMING FROM THAT WAY... AND FROM ALL AROUND US!
THE YANKEES ARE GETTING BACK INSIDE THE TANK, COMRADE CAPTAIN!
THAT WILL DO THEM NO GOOD, BECAUSE OUR TWO ROCKET TEAMS ARE READY TO BLAST THE TANK!

THIS PIG-IRON HIDE-OUT ISN'T ANY SAFER THAN A PAPER BAG, WITH THOSE TWO RED BAZOOKAS COMING AT US, COMBAT!
YEAH! SO WE BETTER POP OUT AGAIN AN' CLOBBER THEM BEFORE THEY CLOBBER US!
UP, COMBAT!
AND OUT, PENNY!
THE YANKEES HAVE DESTROYED ONE OF OUR ROCKET LAUNCHERS, COMRADE CAPTAIN!
WE STILL HAVE ONE LEFT!
WE HAD ONE LEFT, COMRADE CAPTAIN... NOW WE HAVE NONE!
BUT WE HAVE THE YANKEES OUTNUMBERED! WE WILL ATTACK WITH THE ENTIRE COMPANY!
YOU SCRAMBLED THEIR TWO BAZOOKAS, COMBAT! BUT NOW THE WHOLE MOB IS ATTACKING IN A SUPER BANZAI!
SO WE'LL BUST UP THE BANZAI THE WAY WE DID THEIR BAZOOKAS! FEED "BABY" ANOTHER ROCKET, PAL!
I CAN'T, COMBAT... NO MORE AMMO!
OH, OH!

BUTTON UP THE HATCH, PENNY! WE'LL BE SAFE INSIDE HERE!
UNLESS THE REDS HAVE A WEAPON MORE POWERFUL THAN MACHINE GUNS AND GRENADES!
I'LL GET THOSE TWO YANKEES OUT OF THAT TANK, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO IN THIS WORLD!
BUT IT WOULD BE EASIER, COMRADE CAPTAIN, TO WAIT UNTIL OUR TANKS PASS HERE!
I DON'T WANT TO WAIT! I WANT THOSE TWO YANKEES NOW! OPEN FIRE AT THE TANK WITH ALL MACHINE GUNS!
IT DOES NO GOOD, COMRADE CAPTAIN!
THEN TRY GRENADES!
THEIR GRENADES ARE ROCKIN' THE BOAT, BUT THEY AIN'T SPRINGIN' ANY LEAKS!
FOR ONCE I'M HAPPY NOT TO SEE A RED TANK NOT RIP APART AT THE SEAMS!
THERE IS NO WAY TO GET THEM OUT, COMRADE CAPTAIN.. BUT TO WAIT FOR OUR TANKS! THEY WILL PASS SOON..ALREADY THE SUPPLY TRUCKS PASS OVER THE BRIDGE BELOW TOWARD THE FRONT!
I DON'T WANT THE TANKS TO GET THE CREDIT FOR DESTROYING THE YANKEES! I WILL DO IT, WITH THE HELP OF ONE OF THOSE TRUCKS! HALT THEM, AND GET ONE UP HERE!
NOW PUSH THE TANK OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND LET IT ROLL INTO THE RIVER!
YES, COMRADE CAPTAIN!

THE TRUCK GROANED AND SPUN ITS WHEELS, AND FINALLY DID ITS JOB!
HA! THAT IS THE END OF THE YANKEES!
AND THE END OF OUR TRUCK CONVOY! THE TANK HAS CHANGED ITS COURSE AND IS ROLLING RIGHT INTO OUR SUPPLY TRUCKS!
AND NOW THE TANK ROLLS TOWARD OUR TANKS ON THE BRIDGE!
THERE GO OUR TANKS! AND OUR BRIDGE!
COME ON, PENNY! IT'S TIME TO BAIL OUT OF THIS TUMBLIN' T-34! WE SURE WERE LUCKY WE STRAPPED OURSELVES IN WITH THE SAFETY BELTS AND WORE THESE CRASH HELMETS!
MAYBE OUR LUCK WILL CONTINUE! IF WE HANG ON TO THIS WRECKAGE, WE MIGHT FLOAT DOWN THE RIVER OUT OF THE REDS' RIFLE RANGE!
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YOU HAVE DESTROYED OUR CONVOY, COMRADE CAPTAIN... AND OUR TANKS... AND THE ONLY BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER TO THE FRONT! HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY, TRAITOR?
YES! IT IS THE LAST THING I WILL DO ON THIS EARTH!
WELL, WE MADE IT, COMBAT! OUR LINE IS ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM HERE!
YEAH, PENNY! AN' I'LL BET WE'RE THE ONLY DOGGIES IN THIS WHOLE KOREAN WAR, WHO CAN SAY WE'RE GLAD THAT WE HAD NO MORE AMMO!
THE END

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

THE date was the fourth of April, 1918. The time was two-thirty A.M. The place was over No Man's Land between the Allied and the German lines. In a Spad bi-plane, young American Lieutenant Steve Binney leaned forward in his open cockpit, rose slightly to tap the pilot of the plane on the shoulder. Lieutenant Armond Genaud turned in his seat to peer around. Through the bright moon glow, Binney caught the smile on his face.

"We're almost there!" Binney yelled above the noise of the motor. Again, with the aid of a small flashlight, he referred to an aerial map and a compass. The ground below was plainly visible, though the plane itself would have been difficult to spot, because Genaud was skillfully hopping behind thin layers of cloud. Binney glanced at his watch. An hour before, he had been briefed by General McQuartan. He remembered the General's dry comments.

"On the morning of March 23rd, 1918," McQuartan had begun with scientific precision, beginning to review the facts that Binney already knew, "Paris was bombed from the air, despite the fact that no plane, enemy or friendly was within twenty miles of the city. The nearest German position was sixty miles away, Binney, as it still is. German aircraft could have bombed Paris, except that they didn't. After the first shell landed, they kept coming regularly at twenty minute intervals. Not much damage was done." McQuartan paused.

"In other words," Binney said, "the damage aspect isn't important. Morale is."

McQuartan nodded.

"Morale was and is," he agreed. "Particularly in view of the fact that we've now come to the conclusion that Paris wasn't bombed at all, but has been shelled by a long-range super gun! Mind you, Binney," he continued, fixing the young intelligence officer with narrow eyes, "we can't prove it yet. We can't prove there actually *is* a gun that could fire at least sixty-two miles and maybe a lot more. But we now know just about where it is."

"Why not bomb it, sir?" Binney asked.

McQuartan smiled grimly.

"Designers may give us a bombing plane big enough to destroy a ground position, a plane that will travel over 120 miles an hour. I say they *may* give us such a plane, sometime. Our fastest bomber only goes about a hundred, and it can't carry big stuff. Their anti-aircraft guns would blow anything we've got out of the sky."

"Then only a man could . . ."

"Exactly," McQuartan said. "One man can locate it exactly and, if he's lucky, get back to tell us where it is. That's the whole point. We can't spot it exactly; we have no way of destroying such a gun. But big things are in preparation, and we want to know where it is, so we can grab it fast when the offensive gets going. If such a gun exists, it'd be too big to move fast enough to avoid capture."

Again Steve tapped Genaud on the shoulder. The plane had arrived near the spot GHQ had conjectured as the possible location of the big gun. Genaud cut his engine, headed the plane down in a slow, wide, circling glide. A few moments later, its wheels touched earth and it rolled to a stop in a wide, smooth meadow.

"Tomorrow night, arranged time, two miles west," Binney cried as he jumped out the cockpit. He pulled the propelier over and the engine caught. An instant later, with Genaud waving, the Spad was rolling forward and into the air.

Binney quickly took cover behind a clump of trees. He was already behind the German lines. He glanced down at the French peasant garb he wore. In a pinch, it might get him past a sentry or two should he be discovered. The great task was to

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IT HAPPENED DURING WORLD WAR II! IT HAPPENED ON AN ATOLL IN THE PACIFIC! IT HAPPENED TO OUR GUYS!

"CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY!"

GO TELL CAP'N ROCKE WE'VE GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND OVER HERE, PENNY! IT'S ONLY A JAP RAID AN' THEY'RE STARTIN' TO RUN!
OKAY, COMBAT!
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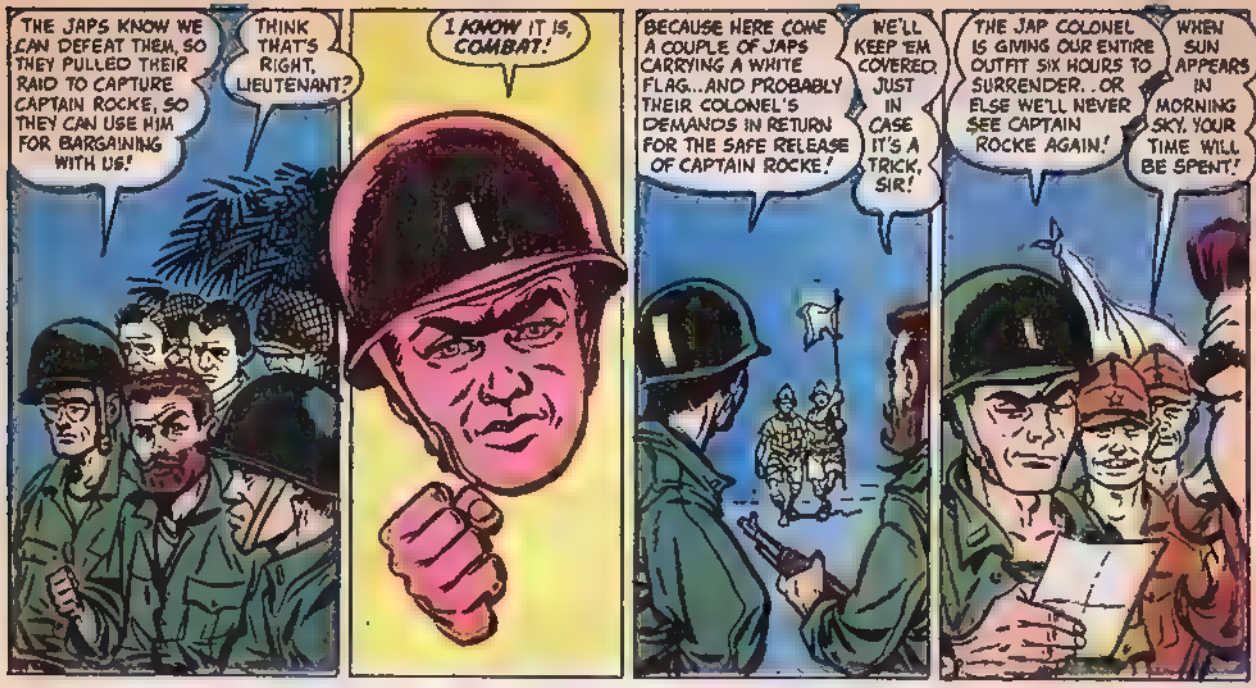
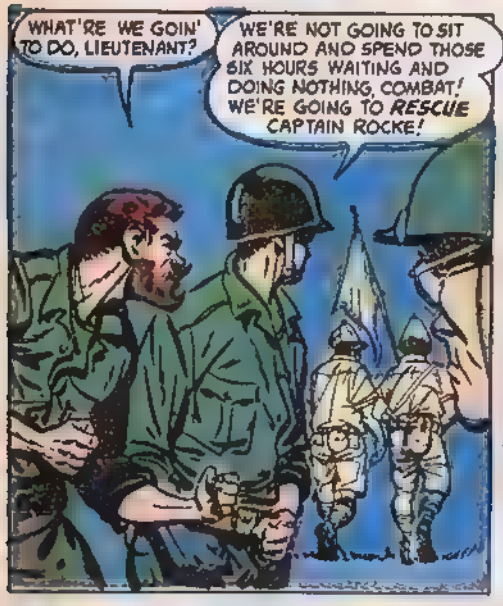
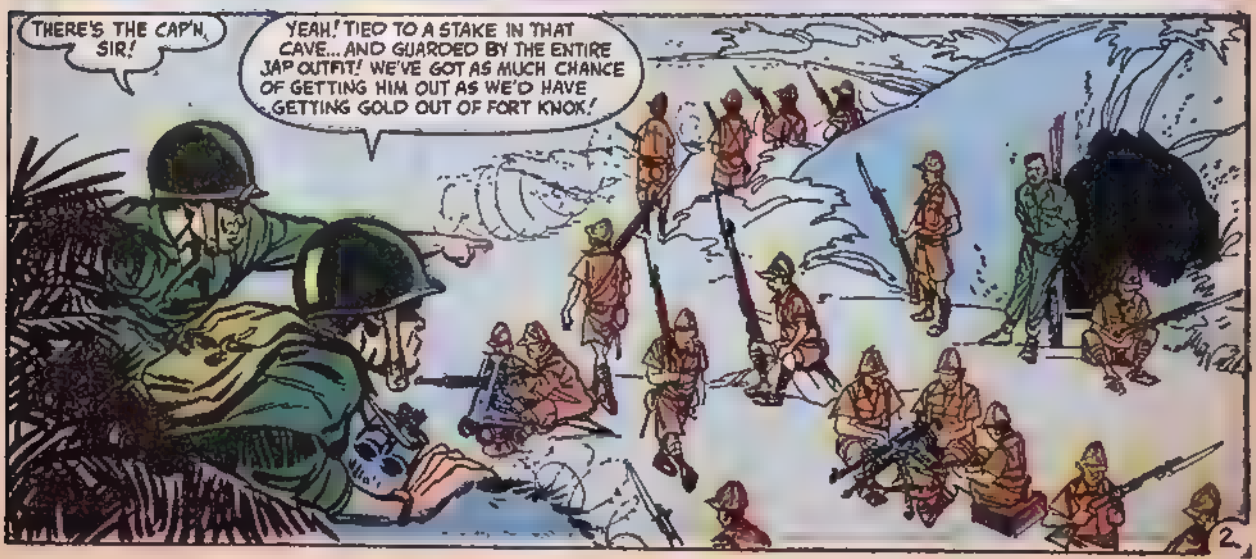
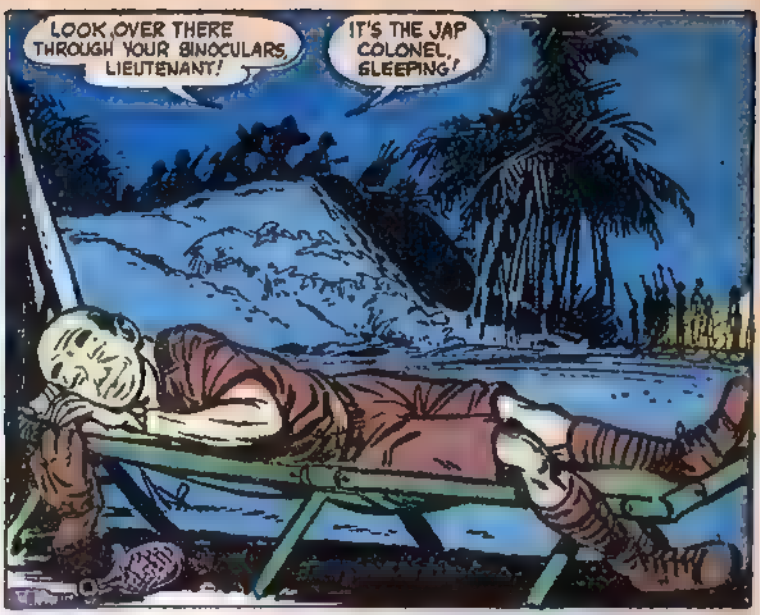

THE JAPS KNOW WE CAN DEFEAT THEM, SO THEY PULLED THEIR RAID TO CAPTURE CAPTAIN ROCKE, SO THEY CAN USE HIM FOR BARGAINING WITH US!
THINK THAT'S RIGHT, LIEUTENANT?
I KNOW IT IS, COMBAT!
BECAUSE HERE COME A COUPLE OF JAPS CARRYING A WHITE FLAG...AND PROBABLY THEIR COLONEL'S DEMANDS IN RETURN FOR THE SAFE RELEASE OF CAPTAIN ROCKE!
WE'LL KEEP 'EM COVERED, JUST IN CASE IT'S A TRICK, SIR!
THE JAP COLONEL IS GIVING OUR ENTIRE OUTFIT SIX HOURS TO SURRENDER. . OR ELSE WE'LL NEVER SEE CAPTAIN ROCKE AGAIN!
WHEN SUN APPEARS IN MORNING SKY, YOUR TIME WILL BE SPENT!


WHAT'RE WE GOIN' TO DO, LIEUTENANT?
WE'RE NOT GOING TO SIT AROUND AND SPEND THOSE SIX HOURS WAITING AND DOING NOTHING, COMBAT! WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE CAPTAIN ROCKE!

THE LIEUTENANT PICKED THE MEN FOR THE RESCUE-PATROL AND THEY MOVED OFF SILENTLY INTO THE TANGLED JUNGLE...


THERE'S THE CAP'N, SIR!
YEAH! TIED TO A STAKE IN THAT CAVE...AND GUARDED BY THE ENTIRE JAP OUTFIT! WE'VE GOT AS MUCH CHANCE OF GETTING HIM OUT AS WE'D HAVE GETTING GOLD OUT OF FORT KNOX!

WE COULD BREAK THROUGH THAT RING OF JAP GUARDS AROUND CAP'N ROCKE, LIEUTENANT, IF WE USED THE WHOLE OUTFIT!
BUT BEFORE WE GOT TO THE CAPTAIN, THE JAPS WOULD CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT, COMBAT! WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE SOME OTHER WAY..

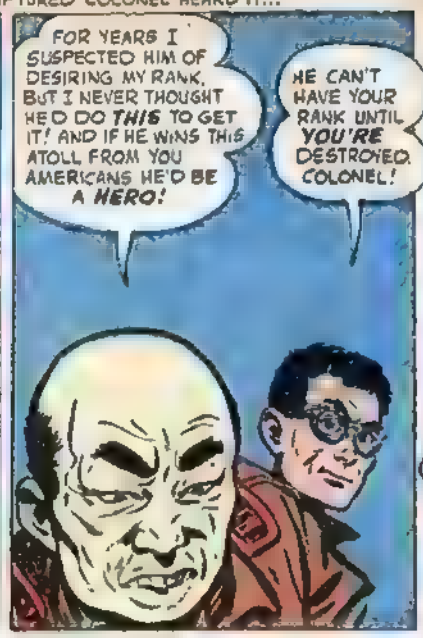


ALL THE JAPS ARE BUSY GUARDING CAPTAIN ROCKE, SIR, AND THERE ISN'T ANYONE NEAR THE JAP COLONEL!
IF WE NAB HIM, WE CAN TRADE HIM OFF FOR THE RETURN OF CAPTAIN ROCKE! GOOD IDEA, PENNY!

WE'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO OUR BIVOUAC, AND THEN YOU TWO WILL TAKE A MESSAGE TO THE JAPS, TELLING THEM THAT WE'LL TRADE THEIR COLONEL FOR OUR CAPTAIN!
YES, SIR!

WITH A WHITE HANDKERCHIEF TIED TO THE BARREL OF A GARAND, COMBAT AND PENNY DELIVERED THE MESSAGE TO THE JAP MAJOR IN CHARGE .

COMBAT CASEY AND HIS PAL PENNY BROUGHT THE JAP MAJOR'S REPLY BACK TO THE LIEUTENANT, AND WHEN THE CAPTURED COLONEL HEARD IT...


FOR YEARS I SUSPECTED HIM OF DESIRING MY RANK. BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO THIS TO GET IT! AND IF HE WINS THIS ATOLL FROM YOU AMERICANS HE'D BE A HERO!
HE CAN'T HAVE YOUR RANK UNTIL YOU'RE DESTROYED, COLONEL!

AND HE CAN'T WIN THIS ATOLL WITHOUT OUR CAPTAIN AS HIS PRISONER. . SO IF YOU KNEW OF A WAY TO...
TO RESCUE YOUR CAPTAIN? YES I DO KNOW OF A WAY!

THE JAP COLONEL LED THE WAY AND THE ENTIRE G.I. OUTFIT FOLLOWED...

ROLL BACK THAT BOULDER AND YOU WILL DISCOVER THE BACK ENTRANCE TO THE CAVE IN WHICH YOUR CAPTAIN IS HELD PRISONER.' ONLY I KNOW OF THIS.'
DO AS HE SAYS, MEN!

HE'S RIGHT LIEUTENANT THERE IS A CAVE ENTRANCE HERE!
OF COURSE! NOW FOLLOW ME. IT IS ALMOST SUNRISE! SOON YOU WILL GET YOUR CAPTAIN!

AFTER TWENTY MINUTES INSIDE THE TUNNEL, THE JAP COLONEL POINTED...
THERE'S YOUR CAPTAIN!
OKAY, GUYS! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO... BUT DON'T ANYONE START FIRING, UNTIL I FREE CAPTAIN ROCKE!
I GOT THE CAPTAIN LOOSE, DOGGIES! NOW GET THE JAPS!
THAT WAS THE ORDER THE G.I.'S HAD BEEN ITCHING FOR...
AND THE COLONEL HAD THAT ITCH TOO, BECAUSE HE WADED INTO THE JAP MAJOR!
WHEN THE ENEMY SOLDIERS SAW TWO OF THEIR OFFICERS FIGHTING, THEY TOOK SIDES, AND BEGAN BATTLING EACH OTHER...
COLONEL!
BANZAI, COLONEL!
BANZAI, MAJOR SAN!
MAJOR?! WHY YOU...
NOW THIS IS THE WAY I LIKE TO FIGHT A WAR!
COLONEL!
COLONEL!
MAJOR!
MAJOR!
MAJOR!
COLONEL!
AND THAT'S HOW OUR GUYS HAPPENED TO WIN THAT ATOLL!
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THE KAISER'S SPIKE-HELMETED GANG HAD AN ARTILLERY PIECE DURING **WORLD WAR ONE**, THAT HEAVED BLOCK-BUSTIN SHELLS FARTHER, AND WITH MORE **BOOM-BA** THAN ANYTHIN' ANYONE EVER SAW! NATCH, THE ALLIED BIG BRASS WANTED THAT SHOOTER SCRATCHED, AND THE SOONER THE BETTER BUT THERE WAS A CATCH! THE GIANT BOOMER WAS CAMOUFLAGED SO WELL, IT COULDN'T BE FOUND BY THE YANK FLY-FELLAS WHO WENT OUT EVERY DAY WITH...

A BOMB FOR BIG BERTHA!

I MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY TO LET **FLIP** GO DOWN THE ROPE LADDER TO THAT GERMAN GOTHA AFTER OUR AMMO GAVE OUT!

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I COULD KNOCK THE YANK OFF THE WING OF MY AEROPLANE BY MANEUVERING ACROBATICALLY, BUT THAT WOULD ALSO KNOCK OFF MY OWN OBSERVER WHO FIGHTS WITH HIM! BUT THERE IS YET ANOTHER WAY..

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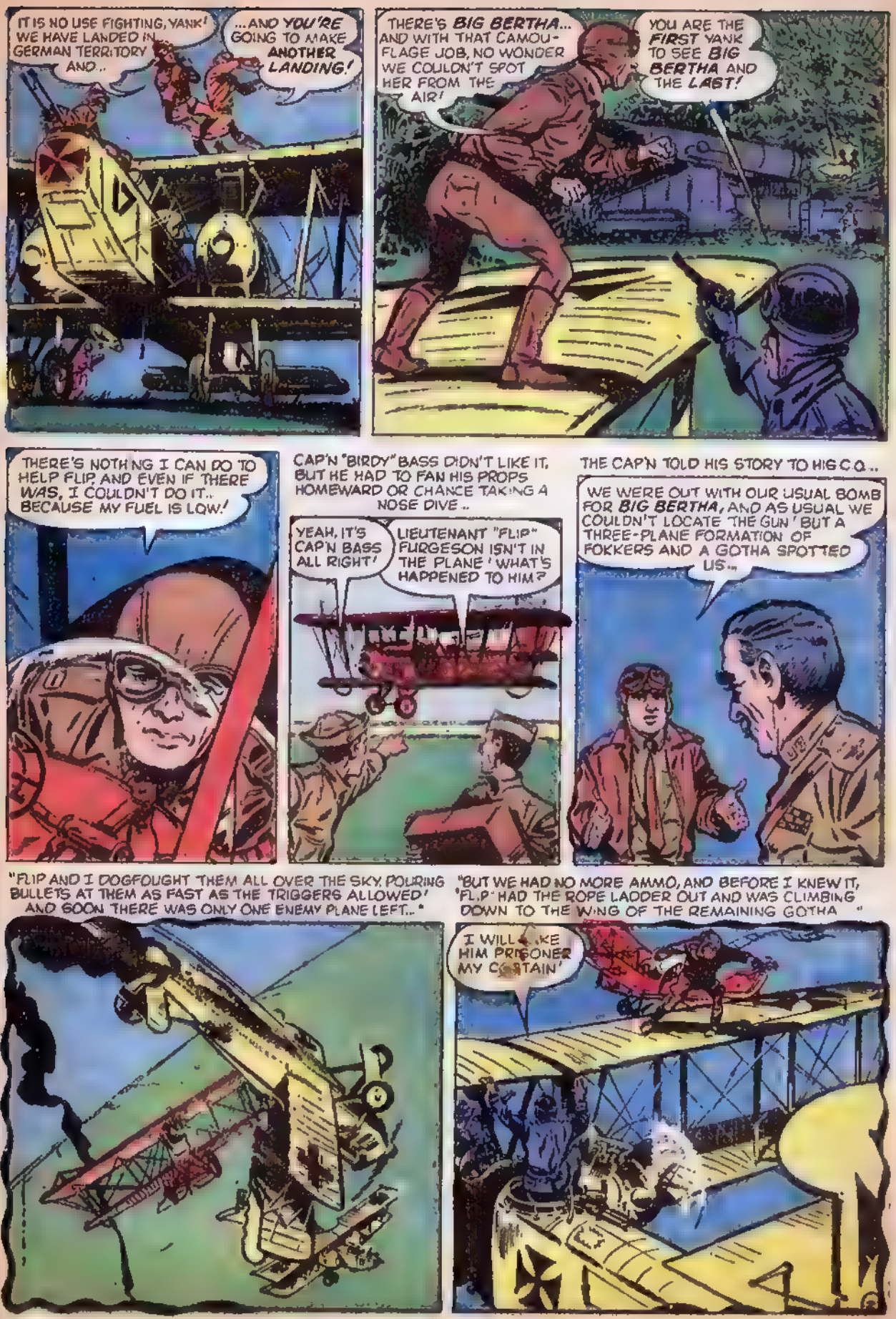
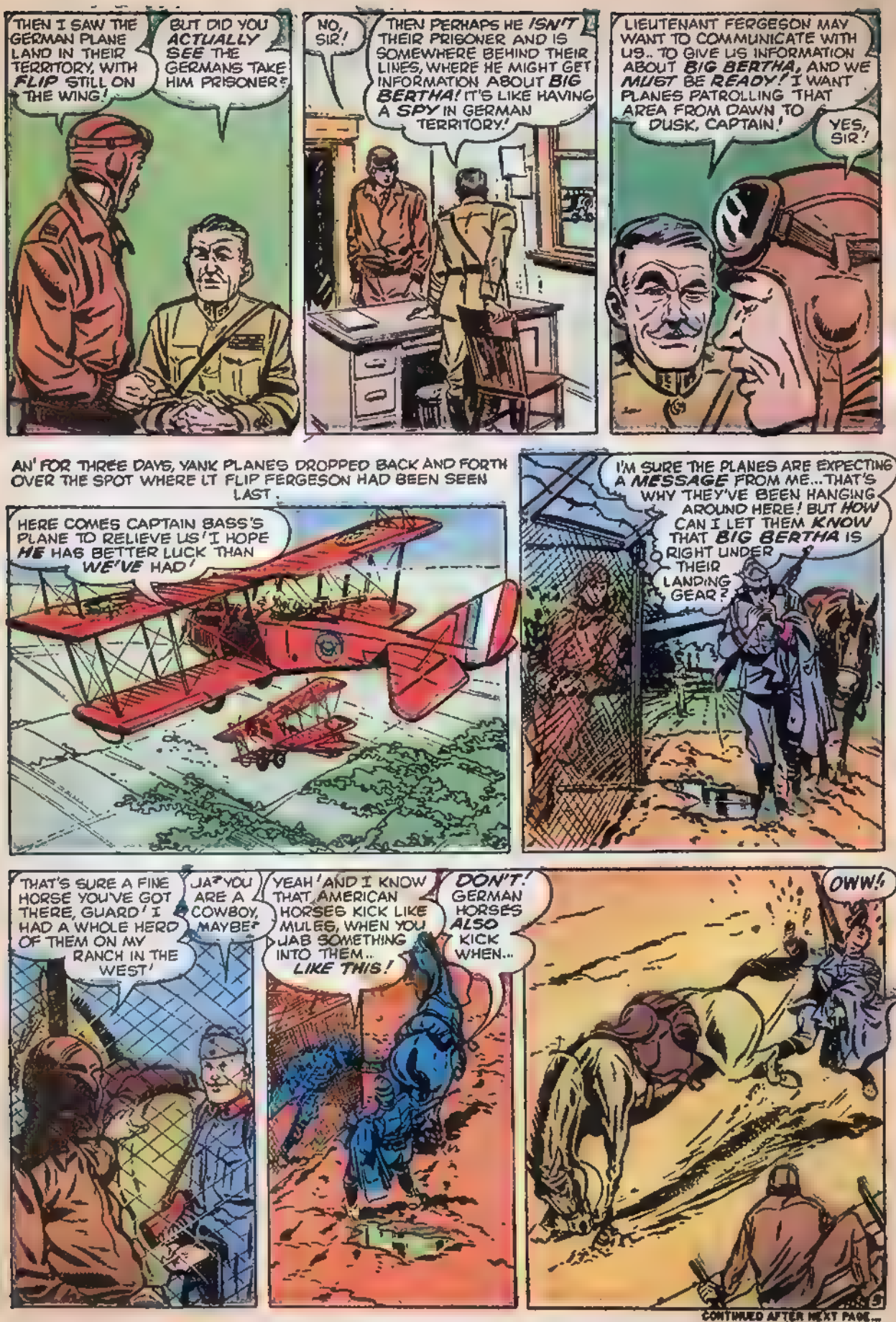
THE GOTHA IS GOING DOWN FOR A LANDING IN THEIR OWN TERRITORY...WITH FLIP STILL BATTLING ON THE WING! THEY'LL TAKE HIM PRISONER FOR SURE!


IT IS NO USE FIGHTING, YANK! WE HAVE LANDED IN GERMAN TERRITORY AND..
...AND YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER LANDING!
THERE'S BIG BERTHA... AND WITH THAT CAMOUFLAGE JOB, NO WONDER WE COULDN'T SPOT HER FROM THE AIR!
YOU ARE THE FIRST YANK TO SEE BIG BERTHA AND THE LAST!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP FLIP AND EVEN IF THERE WAS, I COULDN'T DO IT.. BECAUSE MY FUEL IS LOW!
CAP'N "BIRDY" BASS DIDN'T LIKE IT, BUT HE HAD TO FAN HIS PROPS HOMEWARD OR CHANCE TAKING A NOSE DIVE..
YEAH, IT'S CAP'N BASS ALL RIGHT!
LIEUTENANT "FLIP" PURGESON ISN'T IN THE PLANE! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
THE CAP'N TOLD HIS STORY TO HIS C.O...
WE WERE OUT WITH OUR USUAL BOMB FOR BIG BERTHA, AND AS USUAL WE COULDN'T LOCATE THE GUN! BUT A THREE-PLANE FORMATION OF FOKKERS AND A GOTHA SPOTTED US...
"FLIP AND I DOGFOUGHT THEM ALL OVER THE SKY, POURING BULLETS AT THEM AS FAST AS THE TRIGGERS ALLOWED! AND SOON THERE WAS ONLY ONE ENEMY PLANE LEFT..."
"BUT WE HAD NO MORE AMMO, AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, 'FLIP' HAD THE ROPE LADDER OUT AND WAS CLIMBING DOWN TO THE WING OF THE REMAINING GOTHA"
I WILL TAKE HIM PRISONER MY CAPTAIN!


THEN I SAW THE GERMAN PLANE LAND IN THEIR TERRITORY, WITH FLIP STILL ON THE WING!
BUT DID YOU ACTUALLY SEE THE GERMANS TAKE HIM PRISONER?
NO, SIR!
THEN PERHAPS HE ISN'T THEIR PRISONER AND IS SOMEWHERE BEHIND THEIR LINES, WHERE HE MIGHT GET INFORMATION ABOUT BIG BERTHA! IT'S LIKE HAVING A SPY IN GERMAN TERRITORY!
LIEUTENANT FERGESON MAY WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH US.. TO GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT BIG BERTHA, AND WE MUST BE READY! I WANT PLANES PATROLLING THAT AREA FROM DAWN TO DUSK, CAPTAIN!
YES, SIR!
AN' FOR THREE DAYS, YANK PLANES DROPPED BACK AND FORTH OVER THE SPOT WHERE LT FLIP FERGESON HAD BEEN SEEN LAST.
HERE COMES CAPTAIN BASS'S PLANE TO RELIEVE US! I HOPE HE HAS BETTER LUCK THAN WE'VE HAD!
I'M SURE THE PLANES ARE EXPECTING A MESSAGE FROM ME... THAT'S WHY THEY'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND HERE! BUT HOW CAN I LET THEM KNOW THAT BIG BERTHA IS RIGHT UNDER THEIR LANDING GEAR?
THAT'S SURE A FINE HORSE YOU'VE GOT THERE, GUARD! I HAD A WHOLE HERD OF THEM ON MY RANCH IN THE WEST!
JA? YOU ARE A COWBOY, MAYBE?
YEAH! AND I KNOW THAT AMERICAN HORSES KICK LIKE MULES, WHEN YOU JAB SOMETHING INTO THEM... LIKE THIS!
DON'T! GERMAN HORSES ALSO KICK WHEN...
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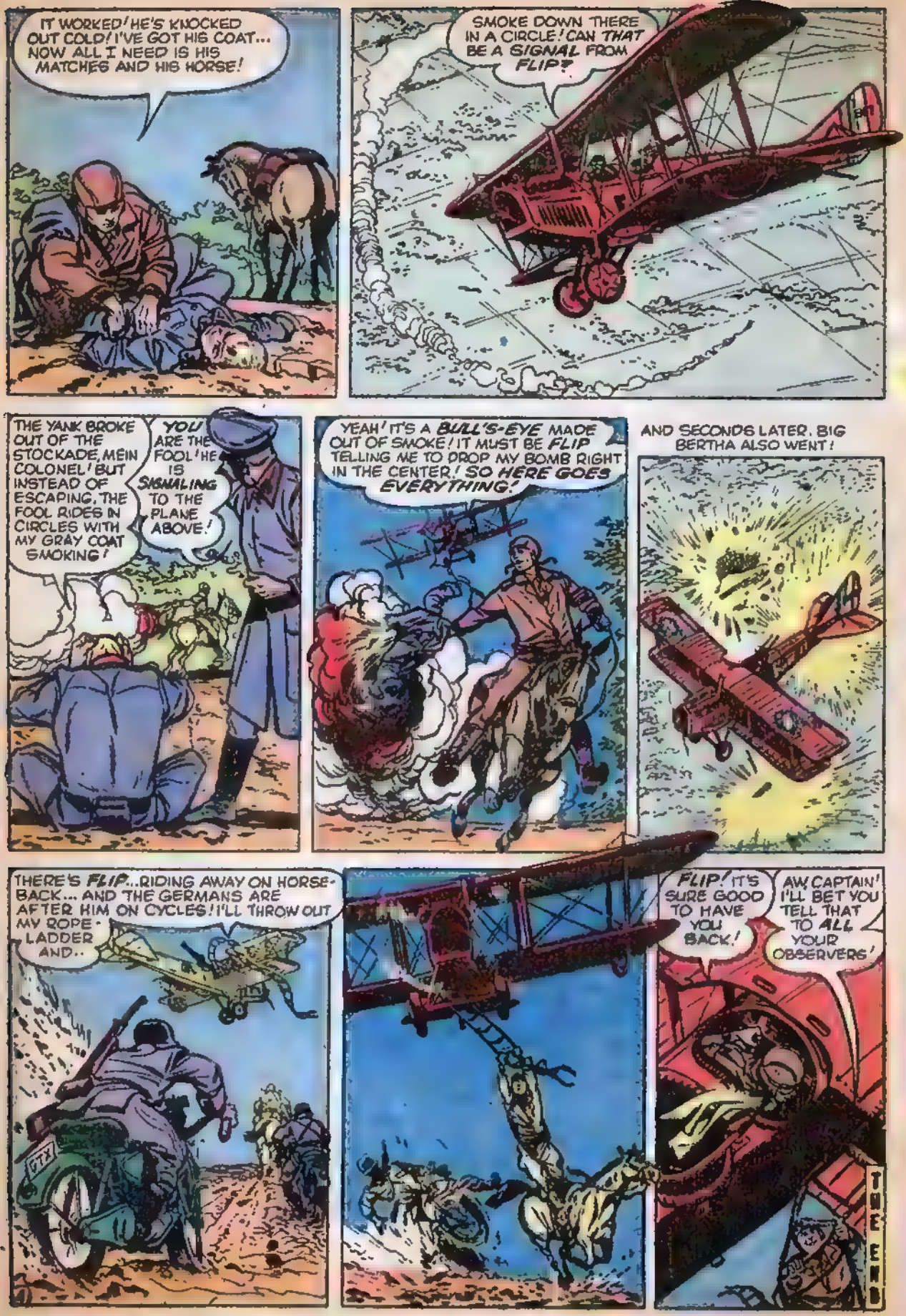
IT WORKED! HE'S KNOCKED OUT COLD! I'VE GOT HIS COAT... NOW ALL I NEED IS HIS MATCHES AND HIS HORSE!
SMOKE DOWN THERE IN A CIRCLE! CAN THAT BE A SIGNAL FROM FLIP?
THE YANK BROKE OUT OF THE STOCKADE, MEIN COLONEL! BUT INSTEAD OF ESCAPING, THE FOOL RIDES IN CIRCLES WITH MY GRAY COAT SMOKING!
YOU ARE THE FOOL! HE IS SIGNALING TO THE PLANE ABOVE!
YEAH! IT'S A BULL'S-EYE MADE OUT OF SMOKE! IT MUST BE FLIP TELLING ME TO DROP MY BOMB RIGHT IN THE CENTER! SO HERE GOES EVERYTHING!
AND SECONDS LATER, BIG BERTHA ALSO WENT!
THERE'S FLIP... RIDING AWAY ON HORSE-BACK... AND THE GERMANS ARE AFTER HIM ON CYCLES! I'LL THROW OUT MY ROPE-LADDER AND..
FLIP! IT'S SURE GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK!
AW CAPTAIN! I'LL BET YOU TELL THAT TO ALL YOUR OBSERVERS!
THE END

OF ALL THE DOGGIES I MET WHILE I WAS FIGHTING OVER IN KOREA, THERE'S ONE THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET...

a G.I. named GEORGIE

HOW ABOUT YOU, SERGEANT? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE SANTA CLAUS TO BRING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS! I'M GOING TO SEND MY LETTER TO SANTA SOON AND .
AWWW, STUFF THAT KIND'A CRAZY CHATTER INTO YOUR B-BAG, GEORGIE! THIS IS A PATROL... NOT A VISIT TO A DEPARTMENT STORE TO SEE SANTA!
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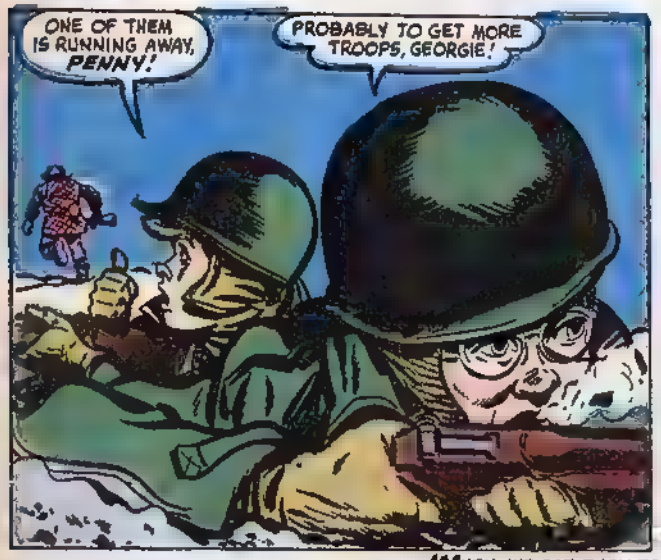
A FIRE-FIGHT FOLLOWED! OUR B.A.R.'S, THOMPSONS AND GARANDS BLAZED AND BLASTED INTO ACTION AGAINST THE K.E.7'S, MAUSERS AND GIMOS ..



THEY'VE GOT US OUTNUMBERED NOW, SO WE CAN'T GET THROUGH FOR A PEEK AT WHAT THEIR OUTFIT IS UP TO! WE BETTER MOVE OUT BEFORE THEIR REINFORCEMENTS COME!
OKAY, SARGE!

THE YANKEES DEPART, COMRADE LIEUTENANT!
WE WILL NOT PURSUE THEM! OUR MISSION IS ONLY TO KEEP THEM FROM OBSERVING OUR PREPARATIONS FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK ON THEIR LEFT FLANK!

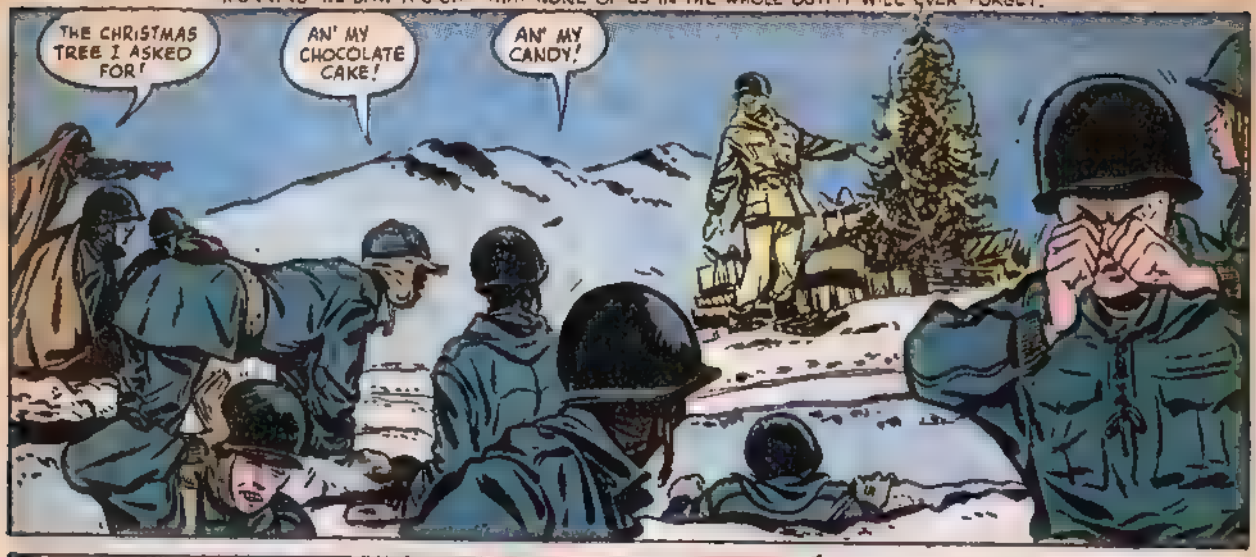
WHEN WE GOT BACK TO OUR LINES, WE HAD TO REPORT WHAT EVERY PATROL REPORTED FOR OVER A WEEK ..

THE REDS HIT US BEFORE WE COULD GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR POSITION, CAP'N!
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THEY'RE PREPARING FOR AN ASSAULT...' BUT FROM WHICH FLANK?

IF WE SPREAD OUR TROOPS TO PROTECT ALL FLANKS, OUR DEFENSES WILL BE TOO THIN!
AN' IF WE DON'T, WE'LL GET A BANZAI SURPRISE FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

ALL WE COULD DO WAS STAY HOLED UP AND KEEP GOING OUT ON PATROLS, HOPING ONE OF THEM WOULD GET US A SQUINT AT WHAT THE REDS WERE UP TO...
PLEASE, SERGEANT! WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT SANTA CLAUS TO BRING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS?
THE ONLY THING I'M GOING TO TELL YOU, GEORGIE... IS TO GET OFF'A MY BACK ABOUT SANTA CLAUS!
AIN'T ANYBODY EVER TOLD YOU THAT THEIR AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS SANTA CLAUS?
SURE! PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TELLING ME THAT... BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THEM...
ALL RIGHT, GEORGIE! I GIVE UP! TELL SANTA CLAUS TO BRING ME A... A PIN-UP! YEAH... A GREAT BIG, LIFE-SIZE PIN-UP OF A HOLLYWOOD STARLET! NOW WILL YOU PLEASE QUIT HOUNDIN' ME?
OF COURSE! I STILL HAVE TO ASK A LOT OF OTHER MEN WHAT THEY WANT... INCLUDING THE CAPTAIN!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, PENNY? WITH ALL THE TROUBLE THE CAP'N HAS, WORRYING ABOUT WHAT THE REDS ARE UP TO, HE'S GOING TO ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS SANTA CLAUS TO BRING HIM!
AW, LET HIM, SARGE! THE CAPTAIN'S AN OKAY GUY! HE'LL PLAY ALONG JUST THE WAY ALL THE GUYS IN THE OUTFIT ARE DOING!
SURE, GEORGIE! TELL SANTA CLAUS TO BRING ME A RED PRISONER... ONE THAT'LL TALK ABOUT WHAT THE REDS ARE UP TO!
ALL RIGHT, SIR! NOW MY LIST IS COMPLETE!
THERE'S GEORGIE GIVIN' HIS LETTER TO THE MAIL JEEP!
YEAH! SOME GUYS NEVER GROW UP!
I TOLD HIM TO PUT ME DOWN FOR A BIG CHOCOLATE CAKE!
CHRISTMAS CANDY IS MY WEAKNESS ...AND PENNY ASKED FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE OUTFIT! WONDER WHAT ALIBI GEORGIE'S GOING TO GIVE, WHEN WE DON'T GET THE STUFF ON CHRISTMAS?

BUT GEORGIE *DIDN'T* HAVE TO MAKE ANY EXCUSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY, CAUSE WHEN WE STIRRED OUT OF OUR FOXHOLES IN THE MORNING WE SAW A SIGHT THAT NONE OF US IN THE WHOLE OUTFIT WILL EVER FORGET!



AND THAT'S JUST WHEN A RED CAME WALKING INTO OUR OUTFIT WITH HIS HANDS IN THE AIR

WHY? WHAT MADE YOU DO THIS?
A MOST MYSTERIOUS FORCE, CAPTAIN! LAST NIGHT AS I LAY IN MY HOLE, A SUDDEN REALIZATION CAME TO ME THAT FIGHTING FOR THE COMMUNISTS WAS EVIL...AND I WAS SEIZED WITH THE DESIRE TO SURRENDER AND TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE REDS' SECRET PLANS!

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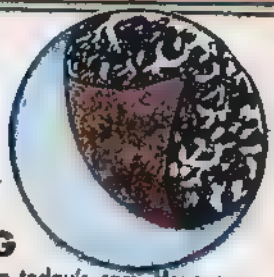

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remain hidden. He moved east and north, his senses alert. GHQ had reasoned that the super-gun had been moved by rail. But airplane photographs had shown many railroad spurs suddenly appearing in the suspected area. Shrewdly, Binney had expressed his conjecture to General McQuartan that a good many of these were fakes or camouflage. Now, as he came upon one at the very edge of the meadow, he knew he had been right. The bright moonlight, obscured only by high-flying clouds, picked out the roughly-laid wooden rails. Binney stepped over them cautiously and moved on.

Up ahead, through the darkness, he glimpsed a barracks building. Sounds of music came from it. Here, he knew, the Germans would feel themselves secure. From ten miles to the west came the ever-present mutter of the artillery barrages.

He skirted the barracks, giving it a wide berth. The moonlight glinted off the rifle of a sleepy guard standing against the barrack. A row of trees now hid him effectively from further view. Up along it he trudged silently, all his senses alert.

Suddenly, a blast shook the ground. From up ahead, at a mile distant, the night sky was lit up by a spurt of flame. Simultaneously, there was an accompanying barrage.

The gun! It was the gun that was shelling Paris. Quickly, he made some rough mental calculations. He knew he had to be right, in the main. And now he knew the location of the gun. For a moment he paused trying to decide whether to go back to the meadow and hide. But his orders had also included instructions to have a look at the great weapon, if he could.

Swiftly he trudged ahead. Originally, the gun had fired at twenty-minute intervals, but now the firing, as GHQ had discovered had become intermittent. He wanted to find out why.

Before him lay a forest. Into this he plunged, dodging from tree to tree. An odor of exploded cordite came downwind toward him. He knew he was on the right track. Endlessly, it seemed, he went on through the forest. Then, up ahead, he stumbled on another set of rails. Leaning down, he felt them. They were steel!

Another few hundred feet, and then he saw the gun, in the light of shaded lamps strung from low, portable buildings laid out along the tracks. He moved from the rails to get a better view.

At first he had seen only the suggestion of a gun. Then, as his eyes adjusted to the light, he slowly got a better view.

It stood on a railway carriage made of steel, heavily and powerfully constructed. The long barrel snaked up into the night sky, seemingly endless. From where he stood, hidden in shadow and dense brush, he calculated its length. It was over half a city block long!

So long was it, in fact, that a thick, heavy cable or round beam had been fixed to the muzzle end and then led backward to the supporting superstructure above the breech. Without the cable or beam, the immensely long barrel would have drooped!

Swiftly, with a pocket instrument, he took his bearings by the visible stars, noted everything down. He waited, watching. Presently a group of soldiers detached themselves from one of the buildings. A long crane noisily lifted its nose from the ground, creakily moved to the other side of the gun. The soldiers worked swiftly round its base. Abruptly the crane drooped again, and then lifted. Binney took one look at what was hanging from the hook at one end and smiled. He jotted something down on his notes. Now he had everything, he knew.

Turning quickly, without waiting for the next shot, he hurried past the curve of the steel, railroad spur, through the deep, protecting forest. The blast, when it came, shook the ground, but not Steve Binney. For he was still smiling with the great secret that he alone knew, but which all Paris and the Allies would know in twenty-four hours or less. Past the barracks he went, back to the landing meadow and then out two miles to the point west where Genaud would land the following night. He was chuckling as he slipped through the brush, unchallenged and safe. For the news he would bring would dispel the confusion. The Germans were beaten and in defeat had shown every sign of the unreason that comes with utter desperation. The super-gun did work . . . it really could fire over seventy-five miles. But it could do little damage, for the barrel would wear out quickly and could not be easily replaced. And its shells were so tiny, that they were only eight inches in caliber . . . no bigger than those of a small piece of ordinary siege artillery!

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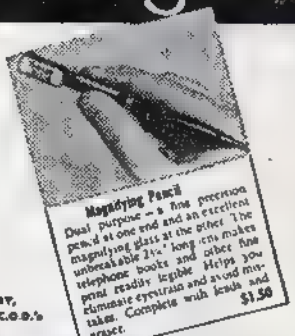

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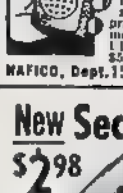

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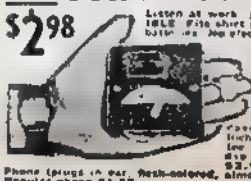

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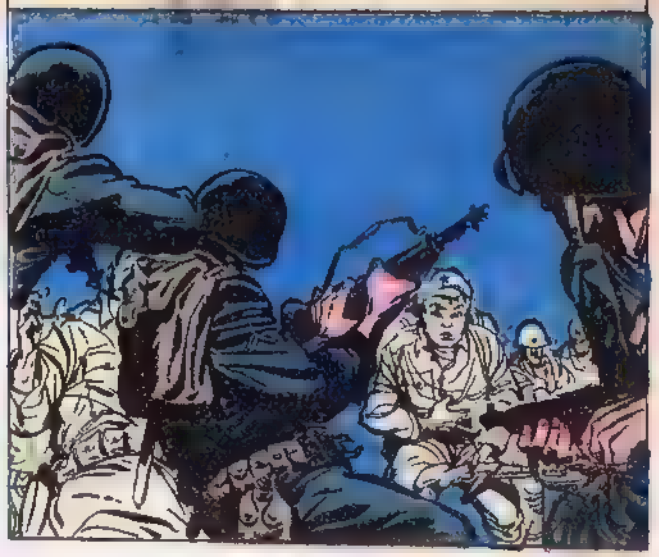
WE HAVE SUCCEEDED, COMRADE MAJOR...THE YANKEES ARE RETREATING!
IT IS NOT A RETREAT, YOU FOOL! THE YANKEE CAPTAIN IS CLEVER! HE MOVES HIS MEN TOWARD THE RIVER WHICH WILL GIVE HIM A NATURAL DEFENSE AGAINST US! WE MUST KEEP THEM FROM GETTING ACROSS!

THE ENEMY SLAMMED OUT WITH AN ALL-OUT BANZAI AGAINST DOG COMPANY! EVERY AVAILABLE RED WAS SHOVED INTO THE ATTACK...

...AND THE DOGGIE LINE STAGGERED BACK! IT BENT AND SAGGED, BUT IT DIDN'T BREAK...



THERE IS ONLY ONE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER, AND IF THAT BRIDGE IS DESTROYED BEFORE THE YANKEES CAN GET OVER...

...THEN WE WILL HAVE THEM NICELY TRAPPED BETWEEN US AND THE RIVER!

AND IT CAN BE DONE... BECAUSE THE RIVER FLOWS SOUTH IN OUR TERRITORY AND THEN TURNS WEST BEHIND THE YANKS, WHERE THE BRIDGE IS!

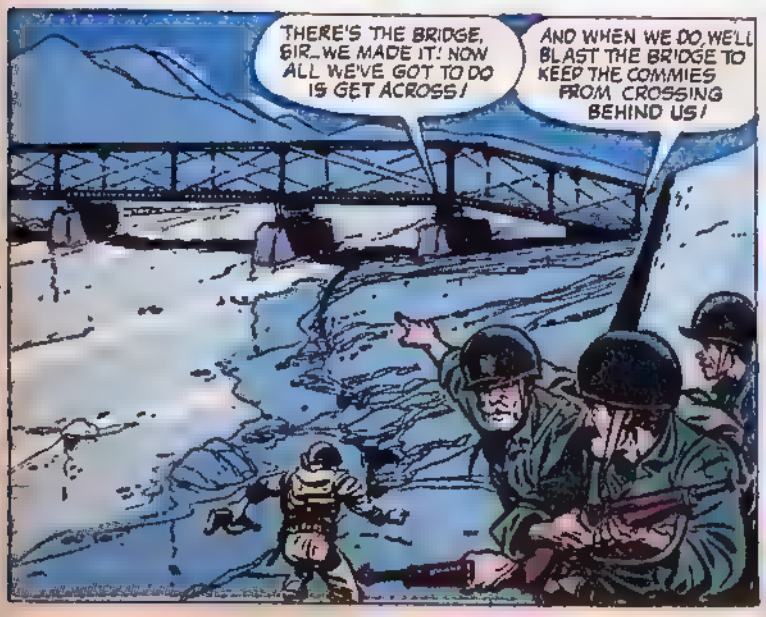
SO IF I TAKE DEMOLITIONS AND SWIM DOWN THE RIVER, I CAN BLOW UP THE BRIDGE!

YES...AND THE YANKEES WILL HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO A TRAP!

IT WILL BE DONE, COMRADE MAJOR! WE GO ON MISSION IMMEDIATELY!

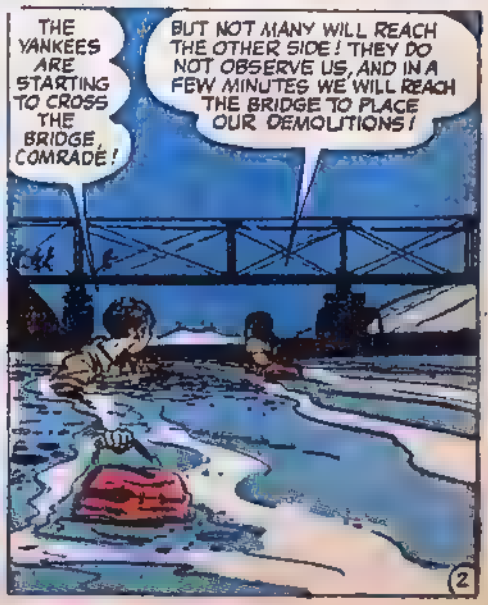
THERE'S THE BRIDGE, SIR...WE MADE IT! NOW ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS GET ACROSS!

AND WHEN WE DO, WE'LL BLAST THE BRIDGE TO KEEP THE COMMIES FROM CROSSING BEHIND US!

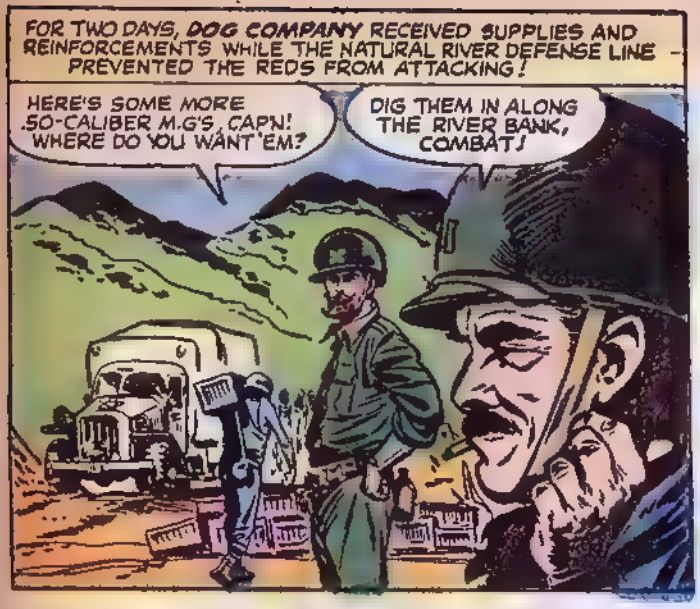


THE YANKEES ARE STARTING TO CROSS THE BRIDGE, COMRADE!

BUT NOT MANY WILL REACH THE OTHER SIDE! THEY DO NOT OBSERVE US, AND IN A FEW MINUTES WE WILL REACH THE BRIDGE TO PLACE OUR DEMOLITIONS!



COMBAT! YOU AND PENNY GET BELOW AND PLANT THESE DEMOS, SO WE CAN BLOW THE BRIDGE AS SOON AS THE MEN ARE ACROSS!
YES, SIR!
SOMEBODY HAS ALREADY STRAPPED A DEMO GIRDLE ON THE BRIDGE BEAM, COMBAT!
YEAH... AND THE FUSE IS LIT SO THAT "SOMEBODY" WAS THE REDS!
WE'LL PUT THE FUSE OUT AND WAIT UNTIL OUR OUTFIT'S SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE, BEFORE WE LIGHT IT AGAIN!
IF THE REDS HAD BLOWN THE BRIDGE BEFORE OUR GUYS GOT ACROSS, THEY WOULD'VE HAD OUR ENTIRE COMPANY TRAPPED WITH OUR BACKS TO THE RIVER!
OW-W! NO, COMRADE MAJOR... I AM NOT LYING! WE DID STRAP THE EXPLOSIVES TO THE BRIDGE!
THEN WHY DIDN'T THE BRIDGE BLOW UP BEFORE THE YANKEES GOT ACROSS?
THE WHOLE OUTFIT MADE IT...AND THERE SHE BLOWS!
NOW THE AMERICANS ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE AND WITHOUT A BRIDGE, WE CANNOT ATTACK THEM!
WE DO NOT NEED A BRIDGE COMRADE MAJOR!
IF WE BUILD A DAM ON THE RIVER WHERE IT FLOWS SOUTH THROUGH OUR TERRITORY IT WILL CUT THE FLOW OF THE RIVER IN THE YANKEE SECTOR, WHERE IT FLOWS WEST TO FORM THEIR NATURAL BARRIER!
AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTACK THEM ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THE DRIED-OUT RIVER BED! GOOD!

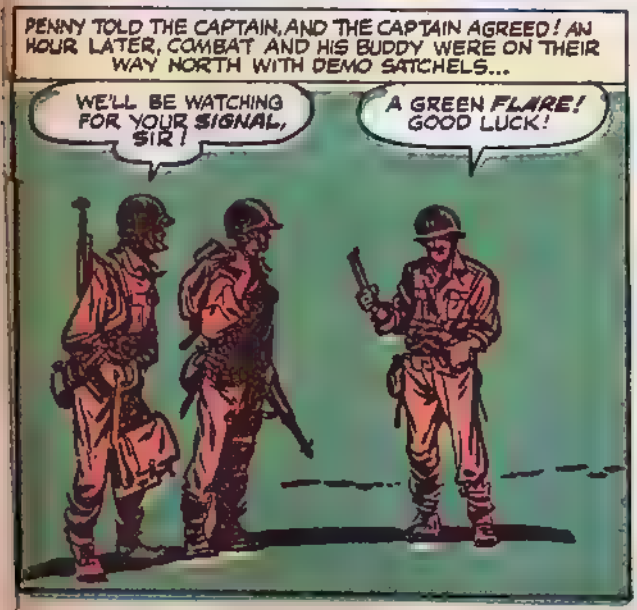

FOR TWO DAYS, DOG COMPANY RECEIVED SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS WHILE THE NATURAL RIVER DEFENSE LINE PREVENTED THE REDS FROM ATTACKING!
HERE'S SOME MORE .50-CALIBER M.G'S, CAPN! WHERE DO YOU WANT 'EM?
DIG THEM IN ALONG THE RIVER BANK, COMBAT!

BUT THE REDS WEREN'T IDLE EITHER!
FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS, THE MEN HAVE WORKED ON THE DAM, COMRADE MAJOR... SOON IT WILL BE COMPLETED!
AND ALREADY THE WATER BELOW THE DAM IS BEGINNING TO RECEDE!

PENNY P. PENNINGTON WAS THE FIRST OF THE DOGGIES TO NOTICE THE WATER LINE OF THE RIVER GETTING LOWER...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT, PENNY... BUT COULDN'T IT BE FROM NATURAL CAUSES, LIKE LACK OF RAIN?
IT WOULDN'T GO DOWN THAT FAST, SIR!

THE REDS MUST'VE BUILT A DAM UP ABOVE IN THEIR TERRITORY TO DRY OUT THE RIVER HERE!
SO THEY CAN ATTACK ACROSS THE RIVER BOTTOM AFTER THE WATER HAS BEEN DRAINED!

YES, SIR! BUT WE CAN TRICK THEM INTO A TRAP! IF WE LET THEM KEEP THINKING THEIR PLAN IS NOT SUSPECTED!
HOW, PENNY?


PENNY TOLD THE CAPTAIN, AND THE CAPTAIN AGREED! AN HOUR LATER, COMBAT AND HIS BUDDY WERE ON THEIR WAY NORTH WITH DEMO SATCHELS...
WE'LL BE WATCHING FOR YOUR SIGNAL, SIR!
A GREEN FLARE! GOOD LUCK!

IT IS DONE, COMRADE MAJOR! NO MORE WATER FLOWS BEYOND THE DAM, AND NO LONGER IS THE RIVER A DEFENSE BARRIER FOR THE YANKEES!
SO IT IS TIME TO LAUNCH OUR ATTACK ACROSS THE DRY RIVER BOTTOM!

JUST AS THE COMM.E ATTACK STARTED, COMBAT CASEY AND PENNY REACHED THE REDS' DAM..
AND THERE'S THE GREEN FLARE... CAPTAIN ROCKE'S SIGNAL THAT THE REDS ARE CROSSING THE DRY RIVER BED!
I'LL PUT A SHORT FUSE ON THIS DEMO AND THAT DAM'LL GO BOOM IN THIRTY SECONDS!
ATTACK, SOLDIERS OF THE RED STAR! ACROSS THE RIVER BED TO GLORIOUS VICTORY!
OUR DAM HAS BEEN BLOWN UP AND THE WATERS RUSH UPON US!
WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO A TRAP!
THE WALL OF WATER SMASHED INTO THE ATTACKING ENEMY, CAUGHT IN THE DEEP RIVER GORGE, AND THE SUDDEN SURGE WASHED THEM DOWNSTREAM!
AFTER THE REDS WERE FISHED OUT AND MADE PRISONERS, CAPTAIN ROCKE SHOOK COMBAT'S AND PENNY'S HANDS!
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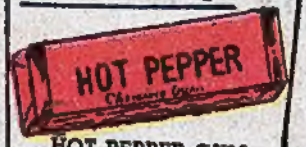

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